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From: Natarajan, Nitin
Sent: Fri 9/11/2015 9:36:38 PM
Subject: FW: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

This response has been provided to three reporters so far and has been quoted in the EE News piece.

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From: Lee, Eugene
Sent: 9/11/2015 2:42 PM
To: Cheatham, Reggie; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh
Cc: EOC Manager; EOC Public Information
Subject: Re: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Below is an EOC and PIO approved response to the Todd Hennis allegations in the subject article.

The agency's Internal Review did not make a finding of what caused the release. That was made clear by Mr. Stanislaus when he appeared before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee on Sept. 9, 2015. As Mr. Stanislaus has said, we are

awaiting the results of the independent investigation from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the EPA Inspector General before determining the cause of the release.

Agency staff in our Region 8 office have had several discussions with Mr. Hennis's legal counsel since Aug. 5.

Please let us know if more is needed and also if further EOC action is required on this (i.e., will OSWER circle back to Carolyn?).

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-----Original Message-----

From: Levine, Carolyn

Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 1:45 PM

To: Natarajan, Nitin

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Subject: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Hi Nitin,

Can you help facilitate a response /Q&A for this?

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/09/11/stories/1060024577>

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